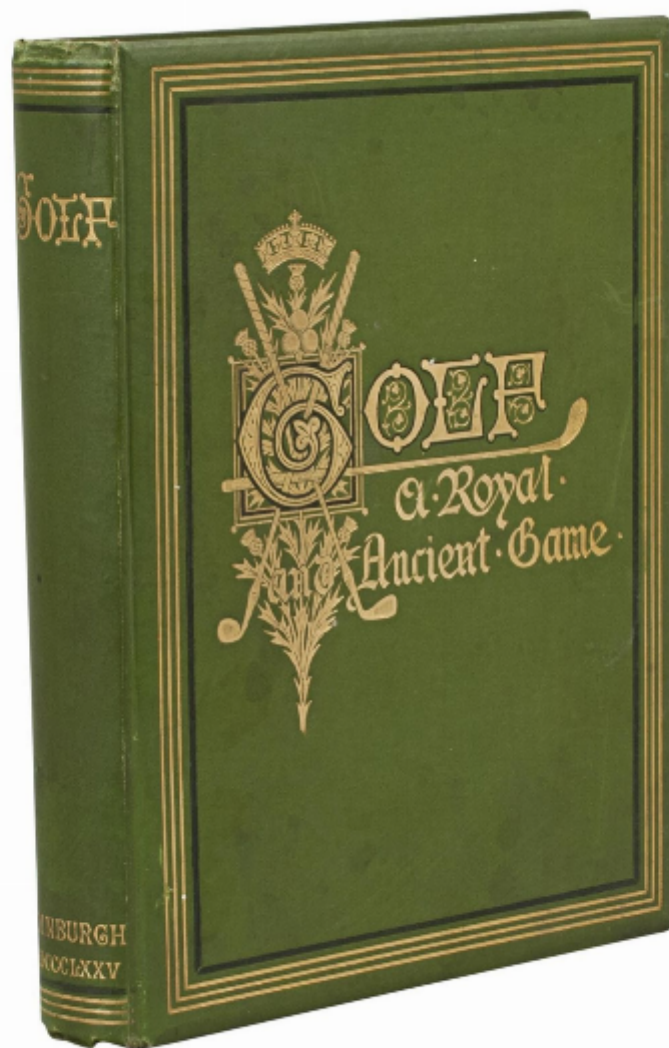




Antique Golf Book, First Edition Of This Rare Book, Golf, A Royal And Ancient Game

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## Description

Robert Clark's First Edition Golf Book, *Golf: A Royal And Ancient Game*.

A very significant and well produced first edition of this rare and early work on golf, *Golf: a Royal and Ancient Game*. The hard bound book with the original green cloth cover with gilt title to front with a gilt image of crossed clubs and a crown. Spine with gilt title 'GOLF', Edinburgh, MDCCCLXXV. The cover in very good condition for age, all pages are there (over 280), only the first three pages are loose. Printed in Edinburgh by R. & R. Clark, 1875, and bound by Burn & Co. The book is a treatise on the origins and development of the game of Golf by Robert Clark, an Edinburgh printer. He did a phenomenal job gathering and exploring the earliest literature and documents of the game, the history of this popular pastime, discussing notable clubs, players, and the events on the journey of golf. Among other treasures, it contains "The Goff", the famous poem which, when published in 1744, became the first book devoted entirely to golf. Full contents too long to list but include: Historical Account of the Game of Golf, The Goff: An Heroic-Comical Poem in Three Cantos, The Honourable The Edinburgh Company of Golfers, The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, The Musselburgh Golf Club, The Bruntsfield Links Golf Club, Edinburgh Burgess Golfing Society, Acts of Parliament, the Golf Song, In Praise of Gutta Percha, Far and Sure and the Index. Frontispiece depicting Charles I playing golf on Leith links by John Gilbert with tissue-guard, other plates are, The Golfer's Land, Procession of the Silver Club, North Berwick Links - playing "The Like", A nasty One, Colour plan of the Golfing Course over St. Andrews' Links, A Nastier One and Medal Day at Blackheath, also all with tissue-guards, plus numerous wood engravings throughout the text. Many vintage books such as this are getting increasingly scarce and this copy is in fine condition. A rare and desirable golf book.